(i) Yes; According to necessity.

(j) Vide answer to (i).

(k) No such average figure has been worked out.

(l) No separate figures are available for Nemmara Firkah. The total for the Taluk used to be given in the Administration Reports.

Ghee Contract—Rama Varma Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur.

109. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the ghee contractor to the Rama Varma Ayurvedic Hospital in Trichur;

(b) were any tenders called for;

(c) if so, the names of the tenderers with their rates;

(d) has the present contractor any other contract in the State?

Mr. A. Achyuta Menon.— (a) Mr. P. S. Narayana Ayyar.

(b) Yes.

(c) A list containing the information is appended. *(Vide Appendix I.)*

(d) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was not the contract given to the lowest tenderer?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He was the only man who had tendered only for the ghee. The other tenderers were tenderers for the entire bulk. They were not prepared to tender for the ghee alone. This method of giving a separate contract for ghee resulted in gain.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he a Cochinite?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He is a contractor within the State. Whether he is a Cochinite or not, I do not know.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is he an approved contractor?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He has contracts in other Departments. He is the ghee-contractor in the Vadakkunathan Devaswom.

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APPENDIX I.

(Question No. 109.)

Statement showing the names of tenderers and the rates offered by them.

Names of tenderers	Kind of ghee		
	പഴുവിൻ നെയ്യ്	പഴയ നെയ്യ്	പാട്ട നെയ്യ്
Mr. Immatty Joseph ...	0 15 0	0 12 0	0 9 0
,, Immatty Pavu ...	0 14 0	0 8 0	0 8 0
,, Kankapadan Ouseph	0 14 0	1 0 0	0 9 0
,, P. S. Narayana Ayyar	1 0 0	0 9 0	0 8 0

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